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TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.
Senators and Representatives have the DAILY NATIONAL REPUBLICAN delivered regularly and promptly at their residences, in wrappers, by order of the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or at the office of the PUBLISHER, No. 511 Ninth street, near Pennsylvania avenue.

RECEPTION BY THE PRESIDENT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The following is the official announcement of the order of the reception on New Year's Day at the Executive Mansion:

At 11 o'clock, a. m., Tuesday, January 1, 1887, THE PRESIDENT will receive the members of the Cabinet and Foreign Ministers, Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, Senators and Representatives of the Congress, Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and of the Court of Claims.

At half past 11 o'clock, a. m., the officers of the Army and Navy and the Marine Corps will be received.

The reception of the citizens will commence at 12 o'clock, m., (at which hour the gates of the enclosure will be opened,) and will terminate at 2 o'clock, p. m. Ladies will be received.

Carrriages will approach the Executive Mansion by the east gate and leave by the west gate.

MINISTER CAMPBELL.

As there are many contradictory telegraphic reports relative to the movements of Hon. LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, our Minister to the Republic of Mexico—one day that he is moving towards the city of Mexico, the next that he is traveling exactly in an opposite direction—we will state for information that Minister CAMPBELL is in New Orleans and has instructions to remain there until further orders, that being the most convenient place for the Government to communicate with him, and not inconvenient for Mr. CAMPBELL to communicate with the Liberal Government of Mexico. There is no necessity for special activity on the part of our Minister until the promised French programme in Mexico is carried out or violated. The result in either event will soon be known.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BILL.

The Raleigh (N. C.) Standard says JOHN POOL, JAMES F. TAYLOR and W. W. HOLDEN, (editor of the Standard,) drafted and "are solely responsible for the measure which proposes gradually but finally to supersede the present State organization set up under martial law."

Yes, but although THAD. STEVENS offered the bill, referred to above, he has subsequently called up his "Enabling Act," offered at the last session, and which, if it passes, will bury the North Carolina measure so deep that plummet will never find it.

Again, suppose, as the Standard says, that the "present State organization" of North Carolina was "set up under martial law?" Is not that the lawful means of exit from a state of war to a condition of peace and civil government? By the laws of war is not martial rule as constitutional in certain conditions of national existence as civil rule? Is it not the constitutionally provided way for a State to emerge from a state of war to the paths of peace? Did not W. W. HOLDEN himself, as Provisional Governor, help to "set up under martial law" the present State organization of North Carolina? Of course he did. Then what is the matter? Is the Ex-Governor satisfied that his own handiwork is a failure, or does he want to try an experiment with the radicals? Time will tell all these things.

THE AMENDMENT AND SOUTH CAROLINA.

The report that Col. WEATHERS, of the South Carolina Legislature, came to this city in behalf of that body and obtained the admission of the Senators and Representatives of that State, providing its Legislature would reconsider its late action and adopt the proposed constitutional amendment, is unauthorized and untrue. We have the highest assurances to that effect. This report turns out to be about as true as the announcement, which we noticed yesterday, that THE PRESIDENT recently talked with Mr. FOSTER, of Ohio, "an hour and a half" in five minutes!

A Rare Musical Treat.

Don't forget the concert to be given to-night under the auspices of the Conservative Army and Navy Union, at Odd Fellows' Hall, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of our soldiers and sailors. The best musical talent of the city will be represented this evening, and includes Professors DANIELS, SCHILLER and SPANIER, and Messrs. EWER, BARCOCK, WARD, PREUSS, HOWLEN and WOODRILL. Colonel JAMES R. O'BRIEN, President of the Union, delivers the opening address, and Mr. F. C. HARRIS recites "The Old Grenadier's Story." Go and enjoy an evening's pleasant entertainment.

Ben. Wade and the Men in Gray.

We learn that it is not true that BEN. WADE refused to march behind the ex-rebel men in gray, who composed the escort in New Orleans to the Congressional railroad excursion party, unless they would severally take and subscribe to the iron-clad test oath. It is not true either that the "man in gray" who "attempted to assassinate" old Uncle BEN, in this city to one of the committee of arrangements to receive the Senator and his radical friends.

The Death of Lieutenant Wilson.

Lieut. H. W. WILSON, son of Senator WILSON, died of hemorrhage of the stomach and bowels after two days' illness. He suffered great pain. His remains were embalmed, and on Thursday morning were sent from Austin, Texas, in charge of Colonel JOHNSON and Acting Assistant Surgeon KIRK, and will reach Washington in eight or nine days. Col. GARRISON has taken an inventory of his effects and will forward immediately as directed.

RECEPTION OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE MASONIC FAIR LAST NIGHT.

The principal sensation at the Masonic Fair last night was the attendance of THE PRESIDENT of the United States, who was received by the Brotherhood with all the honors befitting his exalted position as Chief Executive of the nation. At half-past eight brothers SEARS and LAMMER were deputed to wait upon THE PRESIDENT and escort him to the fair building. A few minutes after he arrived in his carriage, when he was received by the Knights Templar in full regalia. On the entrance of THE PRESIDENT the band played "Hail to the Chief," while he proceeded to inspect the various attractions of the Fair. To gratify a universally expressed desire he afterwards good-naturedly submitted to a prolonged siege of hand-shaking, the attention of the ladies present being particularly marked. THE PRESIDENT was attended by Col. ROBERT JOHNSON, his private Secretary, and after remaining about half an hour he departed, apparently highly pleased with the Fair and his cordial reception.

We once more call attention to the fact that the Fair closes to-night, when a positive sale of the various articles not previously disposed of will take place. On Monday night a grand hop will be given, which will be attended by the elite of Washington.

The Massacre at Fort Phil. Kearney by Indians.

Dispatches received at military headquarters in this city confirm the reported massacre of three officers of the United States army and ninety-one men, near Fort Phil. Kearney, (not Fort Laramie, as has been stated.) Col. H. B. CARRINGTON, who commands at Fort Phil. Kearney, telegraphs to Gen. GRANT that his men were attacked near the fort by about three thousand Indians, who succeeded in killing Brev. Lieut. Col. FETTERMAN, Capt. H. H. BROWN, and Lieut. GUMMOND, with ninety-one privates. After the massacre Col. CARRINGTON succeeded in recovering and bringing to the fort all the bodies. He found they had been horribly abused and mutilated by the savages, who, it is believed, were armed with rifles and knives. Col. C. does not state what companies the troops belonged to, but only that they were cavalry (dismounted) and infantry—supposed at headquarters here to have been probably new recruits lately assigned to duty in the West.

At Fort Laramie the Indians are all quiet. Large numbers of them are now at that post, and being daily fed at the expense of the Indian Bureau.

Wall's Opera House.

Messrs. BERRY and WALL have not merely fulfilled the expectations raised by their promises of excellent theatrical performances in their genteel and cosy theatre, but the kind fortune which sometimes aids earnest endeavors has given them the privilege of presenting to the public a rare combination of sterling attractions for an intelligent public.

Mr. CHANTRAU has had a most successful week at this theatre. His benefit last night was a brilliant affair. This evening he will appear, not only in his great character of "Solon Shingle," but he will repeat his imitable imitations of FORESTER, KEAN, BOOTH, BURTON, BARNEY WILLIAMS, etc.

National Theatre.

This afternoon, it should be understood, the little people, the old people, and the ladies and all others who cannot brave the night air, will have an opportunity to see JOE JEFFERSON'S "Rip Van Winkle," favorable, as it is, of WASHINGTON LIVING'S "Sleepy Hollow." This evening the last representation of this great piece of acting will take place, and all who have not seen the piece should seize the opportunity.

Italian Opera.

MARITTE's opera company is coming here next week to give a very few performances at the National Theatre, and we warn our readers to "make up their minds" in season, for when the opera comes Congress will have come, and the Lobby will have come, and all the expectant office-seekers and many anxious office-holders will have come, and places at the opera will be in demand.

The New York Tribune of the 27th says: "The mortality report, submitted yesterday to the Board of Health, shows that our weekly slaughter of innocents footed up forty-one, of whom eleven were burned to death. This is not quite up to the standard of last week, when we roasted thirteen persons."

When Mr. JOHN W. FORNEY withdrew from the Senatorial contest, and cast the weight of his influence into the scale for Mr. STEVENS, large results were anticipated from the movement, which have not been realized.—Pittsburg Gazette.

GEN. BUTLER is in attendance upon the Supreme Court in the Grey Jacket case, No. 84 on the docket, which is set down for January 3. The argument will relate to the prize cases in general.

CHATHAM and BRUNSWICK, ex-rebel major-generals, and the Congressional radicals now in New Orleans, have been having gay times. BEN. WADE will require reconstruction when he returns.

GEN. GRANT was well enough to be out yesterday, and in attendance upon business at his headquarters.

PERSONAL.

M. BERTHELET, the French Minister, is ill of erysipelas in his face.

COLCHESTER, the medium, spent a night last week in the St. Louis calabos. Drunk.

MR. STEPHEN H. PHILLIPS, lately a citizen of Boston, has been appointed Attorney General by the King of the Sandwich Islands.

WILLIAM HENRY JAMES, who invented the tabular boiler for locomotives, in 1821, is now living in extreme poverty in London, at the age of 77.

J. W. INKBOURN, of Detroit, has received news that a fortune of \$15,000,000 awaits him in Holland. How long will you wait J. W.?

GEN. A. V. SULLY, U. S. A., Col. J. W. Williams, of Tenn., Maj. S. Gammage, of Galveston, Texas; Col. O. M. Brown, of New Mexico, are among the arrivals at the Metropolitan Hotel yesterday.

MISS CARRIE MINOR, the great "skatist," did not appear at Central Park, Christmas day, for she was then on a steamer from New York for New Orleans. Miss Nellie Dean, a prodigy of twelve years, will be the next attraction at the Central Park.

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